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SUBJECT: SYRIAN REACTION TO U.S. VETO OF SC PALESTINE
RESOLUTION

1. SYRIAN MEDIA REMAIN PREOCCUPIED WITH LEBANESE CRISIS AND ITS EFFECTS UPON SYRO-PALESTINIAN AND SYRO-IRAQI RELATIONS AND THUS HAVE GIVEN RELATIVELY LITTLE ATTENTION TO U.S. VETO OF DRAFT RESOLUTION ON PALESTINE IN SECURITY COUNCIL. RADIO COMMENTATOR CLAIMED THAT USE OF VETO WAS EXPECTED BECAUSE U.S. ACCUSTOMED TO EMPLOYING VETO "TO FOIL ANY RESOLUTION WHICH INCLUDES CONDEMNATION OF ISRAEL OR WHOSE CLAUSES INCOMPATIBLE WITH ISRAEL'S EXPANSIONIST OBJECTIVE." COLUMNIST IN TISHRIIN SUGGESTED THAT VETO PROVED THAT WITHIN UN U.S. HAS BECOME ISOLATED FROM INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY. WRITER ADDED THAT SYRIA MAY NOT LET CONTINUED RESORT BY AMERICA TO VETO STAND UNCHALLENGED. HE NOTED THAT UN CHARTER GAVE MEMBER STATES RIGHT TO TRANSFER IMPORTANT ISSUES FROM SC TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AND STRESSED THAT SYRIA CONSIDERING THIS PLOY IN ITS FUTURE STRATEGY.

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